

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination in order to have newly submitted claims 38-69 considered by the Primary Examiner.

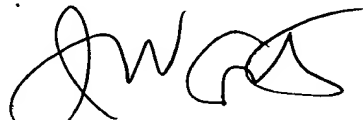
Reconsideration is requested.

New claims 38-47 include the recitation "said glass being substantially free of CaO". New claims 48-53 correspond to canceled claims 17-22 which were indicated to be allowable. New claims 48-53 differ from claims 17-22 in that the term "0-30%" has been substituted for the term "up to 30%" to make it clear that TiO_2 is an optional ingredient. Claims 54-58 point out that the total amount of MgO, CaO, SrO, BaO and ZnO is between 3 - 15% which distinguishes these claims from the Mennemann et al reference.

Claims 59-63 and 64-69 point out that the total amount of MgO, CaO, SrO, BaO and ZnO is in the range of 3 - 15% which distinguishes these claims from the prior art of record.

An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted



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